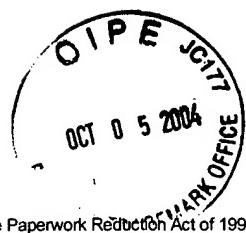


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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<p>1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Amendment filed August 4, 2004</u></p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	
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